(b) to (d) No Sir. NAIS does not cover perennial fruit crops like apple etc. The perennial crops for the time being are not included under the scheme because of their longer life span, as compared to the annual crops. However, insurance policies covering perennial crops like apple and other horticultural/ plantation crops are available with subsidiary companies of the General Insurance Corporation of India.

Agriculture science centres

†1547. PROF. RAM BAKHSH SINGH VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up more agricultural science centres to provide more and more knowledge on cultivation to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated for this purpose in Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have established 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the country. The activities of which include technology evaluation and assessment of its impact through on-farm testing and frontline demonstration, and its dissemination through training of farmers, and inservice personnel.

In addition to this, the Council is considering to strengthen the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take up the additional functions of KVK in 53 districts where there is no KVK, to provide strong linkage between technology generation, assessment and refinement and dissemination. The details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) A total of Rs. 200.00 crores has been allocated for the existing KVKs and Rs. 10.78 crores for strengthening the selected ZARSs during the Ninth Plan.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Districts Identified for Strengthening of Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take the Additional Functions of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)

Sl. No.	State	No. of Districts Identified	Name of University/ Institute	Districts
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3	ANGRAU, Hyderabad	1. Nellore
				2.Prakasam
				3. Adilabad
2.	Assam	6	AAU, Jorhat	4. Naogaon
				5. Karbi Anglong
				6. Lakhimpur
				7. Karimganj
				8. Kamrup
				9. Tinsukia
3.	Bihar	3	RAU, Pusa	10. Rohtas
				11. Bhagalpur
			BAU, Ranchi	12. Santhal Pargana
4.	Gujarat	3	GAU	13. Surat
				14. Rajkot
				15. Junagarh
5.	Himachal Pradesh	3	HPKVV, Palampur	16. Lahaul & Spiti 17. Bilaspur
			YSPUH P	18. Solan
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	SKU AT	19. Kargil
7.	Karnataka	8	UAS, Bangalore	20. Shimoga
				21. Tumkur
				22. Mandya
				23. Bangalore (Rural)
				24.Chitradurga
			UAS, Dharwad	25. Gulbarga
				26. Uttar Kannada
				27. Bijapur

Sl. No.	State	No. of Districts Identified	Name of University/ Institute	Districts
8.	Kerala	2	KAU, Thrissur CPCRI, Kasargod	28. Kottayam 29. Allepay
9.	Madhya Pradesh	4	JNKVV, Jabalpur	30. Morena
				31. Hoshangabad
				32. West Nimar (Khargaone)
				33. Sagar
10.	Maharashtra	4	PKV, Akola	34. Yavatmal
			KKV, Dapoli	35. Chandrapur
			MAU, Parbani	36. Raigad Roha
				37. Osmanabad
11.	Orissa	2	OUAT, Bhubneshwar	38. Bhadrak
				39. Navarangpur
12.	Punjab	1	PAU, Ludhiana	40. Ropar
13.	Rajasthan	1	RAU, Bikaner	41. Sriganganagar
14.	Tamil Nadu	3	TNAU, Coimbatore	42. Kanyakumari
				43. Puddukkotai
				44. Ramanad
15.	Uttar Pradesh	8	GBPUAT Pantnagar	45. Nainital
			CSAUAT, Kanpur	46. Mainpuri
			NDUAT, Faizabad	47. Mahoba
				48. Kanpur Dehat
				49. Gorakhpur
				50. Faizabad
				51. Maharajganj
				52. Sonbhadra
16.	West Bengal	1	BCKVV, Mohanpur	53. Coochbehar

Devastation due to rain in Madhya Pradesh

†1548. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted any memorandum to Government regarding the devastation caused due to heavy

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